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SUBJ: U.S. VISIT OF ITALIAN MOT PRETI

1. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY CLAUDE BRINEGAR HAS
POUCHED LETTER TO POST FOR DELIVERY TO MINISTER OF TRANSPORT PRETI
INVITING HIM TO VISIT ESV TEST FACILITIES IN PHOENIX AND DOT
HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRIP TO SAN
FRANCISCO FOR DEDICATION OF OAKLAND SUBWAY TUNNEL ON SEPTEMBER 14.

2. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FOR PLANNING VISIT, WOULD
APPRECIATE POST'S EXPEDITING DELIVERY OF MESSAGE TO MINISTER
PRETI AND HIS RESPONSE. TEXT OF BRINEGAR LETTER FOLLOWS: DEAR
DR. PRETI: I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND
THE ITALIAN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT OF
THE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIMENTAL SAFETY VEHICLE (ESV) PROGRAM.

THE FIAT MOTOR COMPANY IS DESERVING OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION
BECAUSE OF THE EXCELLENCE OF THEIR ESV DESIGNS AND THEIR
CONTINUING POLICY OF EXCHANGING THEIR ESV'S FOR TESTING BY THE
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UNITED STATES. SUCH COOPERATION BY THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS
IS THE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE ESV PROGRAM AND

ITS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVED AUTOMOBILE SAFETY PERFORMANCE.

REALIZING THAT YOU HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT OUR ESV TEST FACILITIES AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION FOR YOU TO DO SO. THE VISIT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING YOUR PLANNED SEPTEMBER 1974 TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO TO ATTEND THE INAUGURATION CEREMONIES FOR THE BART TUNNEL OR AT A LATER DATE AS YOUR SCHEDULE DICTATES. DURING YOUR VISIT, WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS FUTURE ESV ACTIVITIES AND MUTUAL TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS WITH YOU HERE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SINCERELY, CLAUDE S. BRINEGAR.

3. FYI: DOT HAS INFORMED ITALIAN EMBASSY INTENTION TO ISSUE INVITATION TO MINISTER PRETI. EMBASSY MOST LIKELY COMMUNICATING WITH ITALIAN MOT THROUGH ITS OWN CHANNELS. KISSINGER

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